

The Berryville Town Council held a joint work session with the Clarke County Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2006 in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Berryville, Virginia.

The following were present:

Council - Richard G. Sponseller, Mayor
Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Recorder
Lawrence Russell, III
Barry Nicholson
Allen Kitselman

Absent - Wilson Kirby

Staff - Keith R. Dalton, Town Manager
Neal White, Chief of Police
Celeste Heath, Town Clerk

Board of Supervisors –
John Staelin
Michael Hobert
Barbara Byrd

VDOT - Jeff Lineberry
Bob Childress

Press - Winchester Star: Bob Igoe

Joint Discussion of Through Truck Restrictions on Route 7

Mayor Sponseller called the TOWN COUNCIL MEETING to order at 5:00 p.m.

Jeff Lineberry from the Virginia Department of Transportation explained that the process to implement this restriction was started in 2004 and originally involved First Street to Route 340 in the Town of Berryville. He then presented a letter from Larry Caldwell of VDOT outlining the process for applying for a truck restriction from First Street all the way to Route 7. He said that because part of the route is in Clarke County, the Board of Supervisors will also have to hold a public hearing.

Mr. Lineberry said that the letter from Mr. Caldwell answers the town's question about whether the restriction can just be for tractor trailers in the affirmative. He said that the letter also indicates two important things: the public hearing notice must advertise the correct termini and the correct alternate routes.

There was a discussion about applying for two separate restrictions, one for Route 7 to Route 340 and one from Route 340 West.

Mayor Sponseller asked if this will help with the extension of the 25 mph speed limit. Mr. Lineberry said that is something that can be re-visited as development progresses.

There was a general discussion of the tractor trailer traffic on Westwood Road and how this restriction might affect the apple business. Mr. Lineberry suggested starting the restriction just beyond Westwood Road. There was a discussion of signage should the restriction start beyond Westwood.

There was a general discussion of signage to indicate alternate routes. Mr. Lineberry said that all roads would be signed with appropriate instructions.

There was a discussion of enforcement issues. Chief White said that initial enforcement would be educational in nature.

Mr. Lineberry then presented procedures for such requests. He said that the public hearing would start the process.

There was a discussion of what route will be advertised. There was a consensus that it would make sense to advertise First Street west to Bypass 7 including Jackson, Mosby, Hermitage and Westwood restricting tractor trailer traffic on Westwood to Senseny Road.

A public hearing was set on the matter for December 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

The Council work session was adjourned to the Town Council Public Hearing Session at 5:50 p.m.

Richard G. Sponseller, Mayor

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